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SUBJECT: FAO DIRECTOR DISCUSSES UN-PLO CONTACTS

1. DURING PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MAYNES MAY 8 IN ROME, FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL SAOUMA RAISED
THE SUBJECT OF UNIFIL AND UN CONTACTS WITH PLO. SAOUMA
COMPLAINED THAT IN ITS CONTACTS WITH PLO, BOTH SENIOR UN
OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, AND
UNIFIL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE FAILED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
INTERESTS OF LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. SAOUMA ARGUED THAT
IN FUTURE MEETINGS WITH ARAFAT, LEBANESE REPRESENTATIVES
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SHOULD BE PRESENT. OTHERWISE, HE CLAIMED, CONTINUING
CONTACTS WITH ARAFAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO GENERAL
IMPRESSION THAT PLO IS AN INDEPENDENT FORCE IN LEBANON
AND THAT THE UN DOES NOT REALLY STAND BEHIND PROVISION
IN RESOLUTION 425 CALLING FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF LEBANESE
SOVEREIGNTY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE SOME OF DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED,
DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT SAOUMA HAS A GOOD POINT. WE
BELIEVE THAT USUN SHOULD URGE WALDHEIM AND OTHER SENIOR
SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT IN FUTURE
CONTACTS WITH ARAFAT TO INVOLVE LEBANESE PARTICIPATION.
IT IS POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT LEBANESE OFFICIALS WILL

SHY AWAY FROM THIS OPPORTUNITY, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THEY
SHOULD AT LEAST BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SUCH A
CHOICE. VANCE

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